

1 **VIRTUAL CURRENCY PAYMENT AMENDMENTS**

2 2022 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Jordan D. Teuscher**

5 Senate Sponsor: _____

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7 **LONG TITLE**8 **General Description:**

9 This bill makes provisions related to the use of virtual currency to pay taxes.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

12 ▶ defines terms; and

13 ▶ requires the State Tax Commission to contract with a third party to accept payment
14 of taxes in virtual currency.15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 ENACTS:

21 **59-1-307**, Utah Code Annotated 195322
23 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*24 Section 1. Section **59-1-307** is enacted to read:25 **59-1-307. Virtual currency collection.**26 (1) As used in this section:27 (a) "Digital asset" means a representation of economic, proprietary, or access rights

that is stored in a computer readable format.

(b) "Virtual currency" means a digital asset that is used as:

(i) a medium of exchange;

(ii) a unit of account; or

(iii) a store of value.

(c) "Virtual currency" does not include:

(i) currency the United States government recognizes as legal tender;

(ii) a transaction in which a merchant grants, as part of an affinity or rewards program, value that cannot be taken from or exchanged with the merchant for legal tender or bank credit; or

(iii) a digital representation of value that a publisher issues for use solely within an online game, game platform, or family of games that the publisher sells or offers on the same game platform.

(2) The commission shall contract with a person to:

(a) provide a service to collect tax payment in the form of a virtual currency; and

(b) convert that currency into legal tender to pay the commission.

(3) The commission may collect a convenience virtual currency payment fee established in accordance with the procedures and requirements of Section [63J-1-504](#) to cover the costs of virtual currency payments of taxes and fees that the commission administers.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title, the commission shall use a fee imposed under this section as a dedicated credit to cover the costs of virtual currency payment.